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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

It is requested that the references listed on the attached Information Disclosure Citation Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Patent Examiner in connection with the above-identified patent application and be made of record therein. Copies of the references listed thereon are attached herewith.

U.S. Patent Nos 4,910,762 (Blom) discloses a telephone network service that intercepts a call to verbally advise a calling party that the called party's line will be answered by an automatic answering device and offers the calling party an option to terminate the call before the answering device responds to the call.

U.S. Patent No. 4,850,007 (Marino et al.) discloses a telephone toll service. The telephone subscriber selects a service by sending an appropriate signal and dialing his call. Before signalling to the called party that the call is commenced, an oral and/or visual recorded announcement comprising at least one advertisement is communicated to the caller. After the advertisement is completed, the call is processed at a reduced rate of charge to the caller. The advertisements are communicated to the caller before the call is attempted to be completed to the called party.

U.S. Patent Nos 4,809,321 (Morganstein et al.) discloses a call completion system designed to transmit a message from a message storage unit to a calling party when a primary destination telephone set is busy or does not answer. If the called party's line is busy, a message and busy signal are transmitted to the calling party. In a case where the telephone is not answered, the ringing signals may be suppressed and a message concerning the status and continuing attempts to reach the called party may be communicated to the called party. Optionally, another telephone may be dialed, or the calling party may be automatically connected to an operator or attendant for further assistance.

U.S. Patent No. 1,958,896 (Lesavoy et al.) discloses a telephone system for transmitting sound to a calling party during the interval before the called party responds. During this time interval, vocal messages are supplied to the calling party while he is waiting for the called party to respond. A spoken message,

such as advertising, under the control of the called party, may be communicated on the calling party's line.


The Examiner is requested to give full consideration to the enclosed references.

Respectfully submitted,

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